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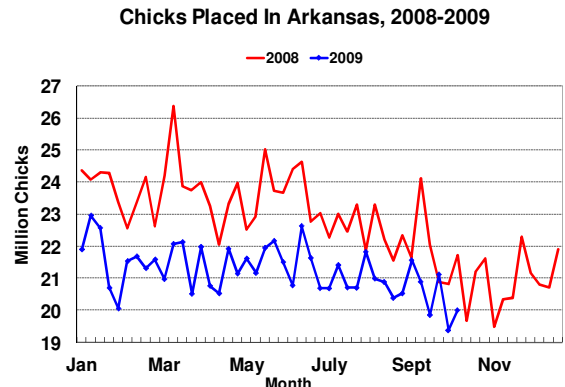
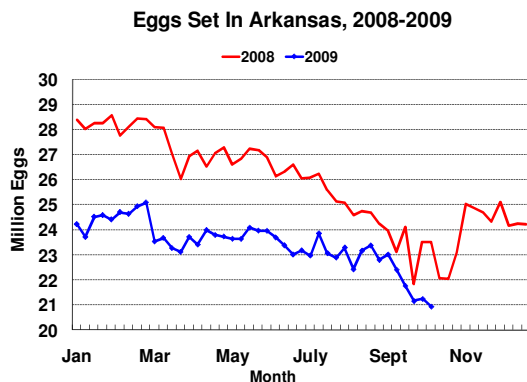


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 8 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.0 million during the week ending October 17, 2009. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 3 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 20.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 17, 2009, down 11 percent from the same period last year and down 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, September 19, 2009 - October 17, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	19-Sep	26-Sep	3-Oct	10-Oct	17-Oct	19-Sep	26-Sep	3-Oct	10-Oct	17-Oct
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	27,358	28,005 *	25,677	26,854	26,507	20,598	19,960	19,588	19,466 *	20,068
Arkansas	22,411	21,768 *	21,165 *	21,251 *	20,941	20,898	19,863	21,128 *	19,385 *	20,010
Delaware	3,218	3,376	2,942	3,277 *	3,116	4,335	4,763	4,715	4,179 *	4,320
Florida	902	1,144	1,331	1,330	1,330	661	669	664	700	872
Georgia	29,307	31,291	28,553	29,935	29,084	26,529	26,461	25,985	24,510	26,509
Kentucky	6,487 *	7,930 *	6,852	7,251 *	6,709	6,529	6,383	6,228	4,909 *	5,935
Louisiana	3,379	3,440	2,751	3,304	3,379	2,889	2,892	2,982	2,953	3,113
Maryland	7,786	8,621	8,172	8,440	8,586	6,387	5,824	4,950	4,899 *	5,962
Mississippi	17,563	16,166 *	16,789	17,095	17,294	15,456	14,724	15,549	15,276	14,039
N. Carolina	16,825	17,852 *	17,771	15,373	18,124	15,330	14,328	13,975	14,253	14,606
Oklahoma	6,773	6,388 *	6,842	7,086	6,450	4,934	4,915	4,560	5,202	4,108
Pennsylvania	3,626	3,681	4,023 *	4,003 *	3,603	3,285	3,173	3,156 *	2,951 *	2,955
S. Carolina	5,487	5,539	5,032	5,799	5,739	4,974	4,482	4,311	4,234	4,483
Texas	13,594 *	13,820 *	13,079 *	13,170 *	12,926	12,702 *	12,765 *	12,486 *	12,012 *	12,065
Virginia	5,792	6,005	5,754	6,041	6,035	4,653	4,456	5,111 *	5,002 *	4,837
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,235	17,829 *	17,464 *	18,251 *	17,409	15,718	15,802	14,596 *	15,685 *	16,115
19 State Total	187,743 *	192,855 *	184,197 *	188,460 *	187,232	165,878 *	161,460 *	159,984 *	155,616 *	159,997
Prev. Year Total	193,569	198,742	188,431	194,566	188,802	168,148	165,813	162,480	160,080	163,207
% of Prev. Year	97	97	98	97	99	99	97	98	97	98

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 17, 2009. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 17, 2009. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through October 17, 2009 were 7.02 billion, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.